

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Thompson R10561

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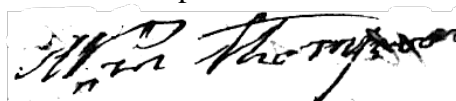
State of Alabama Conecuh County } SS

On this fifteenth day of August in the year of our Lord 1836 personally appeared in open Court before Jephtha V. Perryman, Judge of the County Court for the County of Conecuh William Thompson a resident of the County of Conecuh & State of Alabama, aged Seventy Seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as hereinafter stated, That he was drafted to perform militia service in South Carolina (York District) & that he entered the service on the 29th day of March 1776 then being 16 years of age he having been born the 16th day of May 1760. The whole of the Militia in that part of South Carolina was divided into classes of 1, 2 & 3 one of which classes was continually in service this applicant belonged to the 2nd class commanded by Colonel Thomas Neal [sic, Thomas Neel] and the company in which this applicant served was commanded by his son Captain Andrew Neel. This applicant continued in service for two years as often as the class to which he belonged was required to perform service. This applicant was [indecipherable word] required to perform service in the lower Country of South Carolina he was stationed for some time on Ashley River, was once marched up before Stono for battle under the command of Colonel Pulaski in 1777 -- about the end of that year the British withdrew from South Carolina and this ended his service in that State, he was stationed on Edisto and Saltketcher & in the lower Country on Ashley River, he crossed Ashley River at Bacon's Bridge. He was also stationed on the Congaree River at Ancrum's afterwards he was engaged as a volunteer & performed service against the Cherokee & Creek Indians on the frontiers of Georgia under the command of Captain Potts, the foregoing statement contains all that this applicant can furnish in his behalf he had the misfortune to have his house burned and all his military papers destroyed, his contemporaries have all died so far as this applicant is informed & believes & he knows of no one by whom he can prove his services.

The said William Thompson hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any cat state. Sworn to and subscribed this 15th day of August 1836.

S/ Wm Thompson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm Thompson", written on a piece of aged, slightly torn paper.

[Alexander Travis, a clergyman, and Nathan Stuckey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Alabama Conecuh County }

On this eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord 1838 personally appeared before Henry F. Sterns Judge of the County Court of County, it being a Court of record William Thompson at the residence of said Thompson he being old and infirm and not being able to ride to Sparta the Court house in said County of Conecuh which residence is in the County of Conecuh and State of Alabama, who on the 15th day of August in the year of our Lord 1836 in the same Court before Jephtha V. Perryman then Judge of said Court, made his declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 in relation to pensions and who after being duly sworn makes the following statement as supplemental to said declaration (viz.)

On first entering the service on the 29th March 1776 as stated in his first declaration above alluded to -- the company to which he belonged was marched near the residence of one Ankrum [sic, Ancrum] on Congaree River and they then there encamped one month under Lieutenant Berry, and were there relieved by another company or class taking their place in service, and this applicant and his company were permitted to remain about two months at home.

The company and himself were again called into service, and this applicant says he was stationed in his second tour on the Saltketcher [River] or branch of Edisto [River] about one month, and was together with his company relieved by another class or company taking their place; and they were permitted to go home and remained about two months.

They were then called into service and marched to Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River, and were stationed there and at a ferry about 3 miles below about one month, under the command of Colonel Neal [sic, Neel], Major Bratton and Captain Neal [sic, Neel] and other captains whose names this applicant does not now recollect a considerable portion of Colonel Neal's Regiment being in service this Tour at the places before mentioned this applicant was then permitted to go home & remained there about two months.

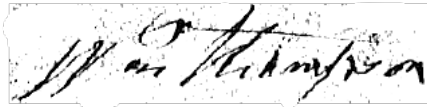
Again required to entered the service and stationed high up on Broad River to oppose the Indians and was employed together with others as well as he can recollect about two months as Rangers and spies and marched to the Currahee [?] Mountains and thence to an Indian town on Hightower, called Big Savannah which they destroyed, and two other Indian towns one called Thompson's Town and the other Coosa Wattee [?]. They then returned to camp on Broad River, near Hillhouse iron works and remained there nearly one month in camp and then were permitted to return home and remained there about one month. That on this last expedition they were commanded by Captain Doroughety, Captain Williamson and Lieutenant Ryan and other Lieutenant whose name he does not now recollect.

This applicant then with the others volunteered as minute men to be ready to march whenever required. This applicant then in the company of Captain Potts was marched high up on Broad River and stationed there and employed with others about two months as Rangers and spies, during which time they were visited and examined by General Stuart. This applicant then continued a volunteer and minute man during the whole of the Indian war, and was frequently called into service for short periods of time sometimes for ten days, sometimes for shorter & sometimes for longer periods of time than that and continued as a minute man for between two and three years, and was employed when in service the whole world the time last mentioned upon the Indian frontier. Lord Cornwallis and his British troops having gone to North Carolina and Virginia.

This applicant says the reason for his not applying sooner for a pension are that he lives in an obscure part of the country. That he is old and does not take newspapers, and that he did

not know until he was informed a short time before his application for a pension that he was entitled to one or any other soldiers except what belonged to the Continental line.
Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Thompson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Thompson", enclosed within a rectangular border. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.